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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

***Richard H. Austin Building, Treasurer's Conference Room
430 W. Allegan
Lansing, Michigan***

***Wednesday, February 15, 2012
9:00 a.m.***

***PRESENT: Douglas B. Roberts, Chair STC
Robert H. Naftaly, Member STC – (Phone)
Barry N. Simon, Member STC – (Phone)***

***Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary
LaNiece Densteadt, Recording Secretary***

The item numbers referred to in the minutes correspond to the agenda items as numbered.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of December 20, 2011. (Item 1 on agenda)

Chairman Roberts reminded the Commission that in the minutes for December 20, 2011 it stated that he had requested whether or not the Department supported the position taken by the State Tax Commission on Wind Turbines. Chairman Roberts stated that he had been informed personally by the State Treasurer that the Department supports the Commission's decision.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt the 2011 State Tax Commission Annual Report submitted by Executive Secretary Sobel. Chairman Roberts commended the staff for the excellent work on the annual report. (Item 2 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved Bulletin 1 of 2012 Certified Interest Rates. (Item 3 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved staff recommendations on the following classification appeal requests for reconsideration. ([See attached link for file identification.](#)) (Item 4 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to change the 2008 classification to Industrial Personal for the following files: File 08-0217: Ric-Man Construction, and Files 08-0249, 08-0250, and 08-254: Iron Mountain Information Management. (Item 5 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt the official order to certify the 2010 assessment roll for Freesoil Township, Mason County. (Item 6 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt the official order to certify the 2010 assessment roll for Richmond Township, Macomb County. (Item 7 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt new appeal policies for the Michigan Master Assessing Officer Program and the Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Program. (Item 8 on agenda)

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to withdraw Item 9 on the agenda. (Item 9 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved the Nuclear Plant Composite Factors for 2012. (Item 10 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to formally adopt the memo regarding P.A. 320 of 2011 and the revised Qualified Agricultural Guidelines. This memo had been released in late January pursuant to statutory requirements. ([See attached link for file identification.](#)) (Item 11 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to adopt the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Homestead Exemption Report and submit to the Legislature. (Item 12 on agenda)

State Geologist Harold Fitch appeared before the Commission to explain his determination of true cash value for the Kennecott Eagle Mine. It was moved by Naftaly, submitted by Simon, and unanimously approved to certify \$191,466,000 as the true cash value for the Kennecott Eagle Mine. (Item 13 on agenda)

Public Comment: (Item 14 on agenda)

Scott Aston appeared before the Commission to ask that copies of the lists from agenda items 4 and 5 be sent to him. Executive Secretary Sobel indicated she would email the letters to him.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, to go into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Roberts – Yes, Commissioner Naftaly – Yes, Commissioner Simon – Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Roberts – Yes, Commissioners Naftaly – Yes, Commissioner Simon – Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to authorize staff to take the necessary steps to settle the 2010 Marathon Real Property Classification case.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved petition 154-11-1911 as a concurrence.

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Simon, and unanimously approved to amend the Bulletin “Withholding Property from Forfeiture” approved by the Commission last year and reissue the Bulletin with the words “or courts” added.

The next Commission meeting will be held April 17, 2012, at the Lansing Center in the Governor’s Room, 430 W. Allegan, Lansing.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the State Tax Commission at 9:50 a.m.

DATED TYPED: **February 16, 2012**

DATE APPROVED: **April 17, 2012**

Douglas B. Roberts, Chair
State Tax Commission

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State Tax Commission

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State Tax Commission